

Select Committee on Tribal Relations - Department of Health Updates

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Goals

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- ➔ To financially assist Indian Health Services (IHS) and 638 tribal health facilities in their critical role as essential health providers for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) on the Wind River Reservation.
- ➔ To improve access and expand specialty services for Wyoming's American Indians and Alaskan Natives

Timeline and Milestones

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Year	Month	Event
2014	July	CMS/Tribal/WDH workgroup
2015	Mar	Legislative budget footnote
	July	Tribal Waiver manager/workgroup
	Aug	First Tribal Advisory meeting
	Dec	1115 Waiver application submitted
2018	March	CMS Response letter to State

Scope of Waiver

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- **Disability Diversion** – Designed as a disability diversion model in order to prevent, and in some cases reduce development of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) qualifying disease or condition.
- **Financial Model** – Supplemental payment to IHS and/or qualifying 638 provider intended to increase facility infrastructure. Promote the facilities viability and allow for needed financial resources to increase service capacity, expand operating hours, increase available clinical staff and globally improve access to needed healthcare services.

Scope of Waiver (con't)

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- Supplemental payments made for the purpose of reducing the burden of uncompensated care for services provided to those currently not eligible for Medicaid, Medicare, KidCare CHIP or covered by third party reimbursement but are eligible under Indian Health Services guidelines.
 - Supplemental payments based on quarterly reports sent by IHS and/or 638 tribal facilities to State to be paid out annually.

Data & Calculation

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- Most current 3-year average of total uninsured AI/AN population in Wyoming
- Multiplies this by the average annual cost per individual of a Medicaid recipient served by a tribal health clinic
- Results in an approximate pool of funding for uncompensated care (uninsured)
- Requested 100% federal funding for this model

Data & Calculation (cont.)

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- Does NOT include current Medicaid or Medicaid-eligible individuals
- Does NOT include anyone with Medicare coverage or private health insurance coverage

Barriers

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- CMS policy will not allow them to approve 100% federal funding for a waiver targeted at service payment to a non-Medicaid population.
- CMS did indicate that an uncompensated care pool (as modeled within this waiver) may be approved if requested at the state's current federal match rate
- Wyoming Medicaid has no appropriation for state general funds to support waiver.

Options

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- Revise waiver application to request only 50% federal funds and request general fund appropriation
- Review waiver application to request only 50% federal funds and work with the Tribal governments and CMS to allow Tribal payment of the state's 50% share of the funding model
- Continue workgroup meetings and CMS technical assistance to develop a new demonstration funding model that CMS may approve with 100% federal funds

Questions?



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